

First Days in Capital Are Hectic for Anderson

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The opening days of the 91st Congress have been busy and ex-

iting. I thought you would enjoy sharing some of my experiences as your Congressman during these first few days in

Washington. My family and I arrived in Washington on New Year's Eve day and settled into a Georgetown apartment. Much of our furniture was delayed en route from California. We were, however, sufficiently settled to do some exploring on New Year's Day.

Georgetown is a unique and charming place. Some of the town houses, refurbished, of course, are more than 100 years old. The area, mostly residential, contains the flavor of our nation's history.

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The most momentous and heart warming event of these first days took place when we assembled in joint session on the floor of the House on Thursday, Jan. 9. Congressmen, Senators, members of the Supreme Court, including our former Governor, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and the President's cabinet assembled to honor the Apollo 8 Crew—the first three men in history to orbit the moon. Witnessing this event, I could not help but feel proud of the significant role our state of California is playing in the Apollo Space Program.

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Plans Explained for School Bus Program

Youngsters from Woodcrest School will attend three Harbor area elementary schools when the spring semester begins on Feb. 4, according to Superintendent of Schools Jack P. Crowther.

The program, which was adopted by the Los Angeles City Board of Education as part of its policy to improve integration in the district, began last September and currently has 550 youngsters participating," the superintendent said.

The youngsters will take part in the Los Angeles City Schools' voluntary transportation program which will take them from predominantly Negro Woodcrest elementary school at 1151 W. 109th St. to three predominantly Caucasian Harbor area elementary schools — Bonita Street, 21929 Bonita St.; Meyler Street, 1123 W. 223rd St.; and Towne Avenue, 18924 S. Towne Ave.

THE PROGRAM is designed to relieve overcrowding — reduce the number of double sessions — at predominately minority schools and at the same time improve integration by transporting the youngsters to schools which have vacant classrooms, explained Dr. Crowther. Woodcrest School presently has 24 classes on double session.

First Western Bank Shows Record Assets, Deposits

First Western Bank's net operating earnings for 1968 increased 241 per cent over the previous year's earnings, according to an announcement made this week by Stafford Grady, chairman of the board and president.

ly-owned subsidiary of World Airways, Inc. of Oakland. Total deposits as well as assets were also at record levels at year-end. Assets reached \$936,527,000; total deposits amounted to \$801,148,000. For 1967 the assets figure was \$918,374,900; deposits were \$785,718,000. During 1968 total loans grew by \$17,848,000 from \$510,985,000 in 1967 to \$528,833,000.

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